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Wednesday, 9th December 2020.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been advised by the Department of Education and Southend Borough Council Local Authority, to close the Hamstel Schools & Nursery for an INSET Training Day on Friday 18th December 2020.

This means that Thursday 17th December 2020 will be the last day of the Autumn term. The decision to close has been made at a local level in order to help reduce the infection rate in Southend and support in the contact tracing process in the lead up to Christmas.

If your child develops symptoms of Covid-19 or tests positive from Thursday 17th December 2020 up until Sunday 20th December then you must notify the school via the office email office@hamstel-inf.southend.sch.uk as a matter of priority. As schools we have an obligation to then contact the parents of those children who may have been a close contact.

We look forward to returning back to school on Monday 4th January 2021.

Thank you for your continuing support at this challenging time.

Kind regards,

Mrs Lisa Clark

Headteacher

Hamstel Infant School & Nursery

































Summary - Contact tracing after school closed

Symptoms began on (or date of positive test if asymptomatic)	Between Mon 14 th - Fri 18 th December	Saturday 19 th December	Sunday 20 th December	Monday 21 st - Monday 4 th January
SETTING RESPONSIBILITY: In-school / setting context tracing required IF POSITIVE	Yes : As normal	Yes: Contact trace for Thursday 17 th & Friday 18 th	Yes: Contact trace for Friday 18 th	No: Case was not in setting unless testing was
CASE HAD BEEN IN SETTING		Friday 16"		delayed
PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY: Advice to parents is to notify close contacts, family and friends	Parents to follow advice as per NHS Covid-19 guidelines https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/ and notify schools			